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Mayor's Message

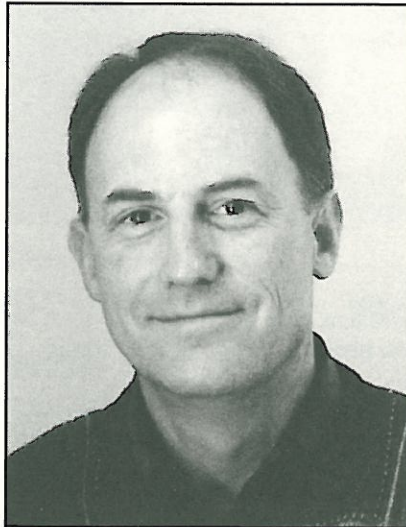
Can Our City Grow Without Losing Its Small Town Feel

By James Behunin

In spite of the continued growth in our community, we are doing everything we can to preserve West Bountiful's quality of life and small town feel. Our city will see many changes in both its residential neighborhoods and business district this year. The city is now reviewing requests for seven new subdivisions that could bring about 220 homes and about 750 new residents into our community during the next year or two. The third phase of the Redevelopment Project on 500 West will add a Lowes in December, and, further north, Larry Miller's Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep dealership will open in November.

While some might see this growth as a sign that West Bountiful is finally "growing up" and becoming a real city, the new homes and businesses also put pressure on our ability to provide police, fire protection, street maintenance and other city services. Because of the growth to the city's tax base, we will have an additional \$800,000 to spend this year. However, most of that new money will go to things that aren't seen by the casual observer—such as the much-needed improvements to the city's water and storm drain systems. Some things that residents will be able to see in the coming years will be improvements to the city park on Pages Lane and the creation of several new parks on the west side of town. There may be several additions to our trail system.

While many regret the loss of the open fields and farm animals, we are doing the best we can to preserve the city's quality of life. The historic commission is working hard to preserve and enhance the city's historic district. We would like older neighborhoods along 800 West and 1000 North to retain their historic feel and will be working to provide places for people to walk and ride bikes and horses. Our Arts Council has done a good job of providing opportunities for home-grown artists and enter-



tainers to demonstrate their craft at the city hall. They hold a monthly concert at city hall where the community can get together and experience the local talent. We will continue to make West Bountiful's Independence Day Celebration a major event for our city residents and everyone in South Davis County. These are the things we are doing to help people feel connected to our small town community, its history and culture.

Sign up Now for This Fall's City Elections.

As Mayor, I know that much of the success that we have had as a city is due to the hard work of those who have served on the city council in recent years. They are the ones that make tough decisions about how our city will grow, which ordinances will be adopted, and how city funds will be spent. Next November, residents will have an opportunity to decide who will serve on three seats of the city council. If you would like to be considered for one of the seats, please come by city hall between July 1 and July 15 to register as a candidate. (See story on pg. 2)



Hey Kids!

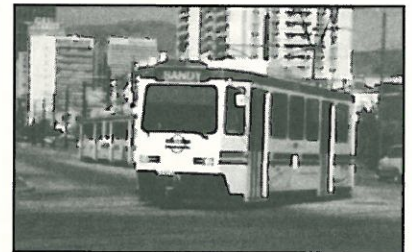
Want to be in the Independence Day Parade? Then come on over on Saturday morning, June 30 at 8:30 a.m. to the West Bountiful south parking lot with your bike decorated.

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UTA Heard Our Voice

Think you don't make a difference? The Utah Transit Authority has changed its mind about considering the change of service currently given to West Bountiful and Davis County area. Your voice written and in person at the public hearing was responsible for the decision. The UTA listened—and is still willing to listen. We made it known as a council that we didn't think the current bus routes through our city were enough to serve us efficiently. If you feel the same way, please let UTA know!



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